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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To repeal debt collection amendments made by the Bipartisan Budget Act  
of 2015, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. ESHOO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Help Americans Never  
5       Get Unwanted Phone Calls Act of 2019” or the “HANG-  
6       UP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF DEBT COLLECTION AMENDMENTS;**  
2 **CLARIFYING COVERAGE WITH RESPECT TO**  
3 **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Communications Act of 1934  
5 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) in section 3, by striking paragraph (39) and  
7 inserting the following:

8 “(39) PERSON.—The term ‘person’—

9 “(A) includes an individual, partnership,  
10 association, joint-stock company, trust, or cor-  
11 poration; and

12 “(B) for the purposes of section 227, in-  
13 cludes a contractor of the United States Gov-  
14 ernment with respect to a call that is made  
15 solely to collect a debt owed to or guaranteed  
16 by the United States.”; and

17 (2) in section 227(b)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by strik-  
20 ing “, unless such call is made solely to  
21 collect a debt owed to or guaranteed by the  
22 United States”; and

23 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
24 “, is made solely pursuant to the collection  
25 of a debt owed to or guaranteed by the  
26 United States,”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by adding

3 “and” at the end;

4 (ii) in subparagraph (G)(ii), by strik-

5 ing “; and” at the end and inserting a pe-

6 riod; and

7 (iii) by striking subparagraph (H).

8 (b) REGULATIONS.—Section 301(b) of the Bipartisan

9 Budget Act of 2015 (47 U.S.C. 227 note; Public Law

10 114–74) is repealed.